

## BEFORE THE IDAHO STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

In the Matter of the License of:	)	
	)	Case No. ATC-2007-4
STEVEN ALLEN RODGERS,	)	
License No. ATMA-218,	)	<b>FINDINGS OF FACT,</b>
	)	<b>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND</b>
Respondent.	)	<b>RECOMMENDED ORDER</b>
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Having reviewed the Complaint and other documents in this matter, the Hearing Officer hereby enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Steven Allen Rodgers aka Steven Allen Rogers (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed by the Idaho State Athletic Commission (hereinafter "Commission") under License No. ATMA-218 as a martial artist. Respondent's license expired on July 17, 2008, and Respondent's license was canceled as of July 18, 2008. Respondent has not renewed his license; however, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2614, Respondent retains the right to renew his license for up to five (5) years after cancellation by paying the required fees. Respondent's license is subject to the provisions of title 54, chapter 4, Idaho Code, and the Commission's rules promulgated at IDAPA 03.01.01, *et seq.*

2. On March 30, 2009, a formal administrative Complaint was filed in this matter with the Commission. Said Complaint is expressly incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

3. Copies of the Complaint, along with the Notification of Procedural Rights, were sent to Respondent on March 30, 2009, by means of the United States Mail, postage prepaid, both by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail. The mailings were addressed to Respondent at his most recent known address:

Steven Allen Rodgers  
783 Pioneer Road, Apt. 12  
Weiser, ID 83672

4. The certified mail was returned to the sending office with the notation "unclaimed" by the post office, and the envelope containing a copy of the Complaint which was sent to Respondent by regular mail was not returned to the sending office.

5. The Notification of Procedural Rights informed Respondent that, under statutes and rules applicable to such proceedings before the Commission, Respondent needed to file a formal Answer to the Complaint within twenty-one (21) days of service of the Complaint and that failure to timely file an Answer to the Complaint or otherwise defend against the action would constitute a default and would be sufficient grounds for proceeding administratively against Respondent's license without the necessity of conducting a hearing.

6. On May 18, 2009, a Notice of Proposed Default Order and Default Order, along with another copy of the Complaint and Notification of Procedural Rights, were sent to Respondent by means of the United States Mail, postage prepaid, both by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, at the following address:

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7. Respondent failed to contest entry of the proposed Default Order within seven (7) days of service of the Notice of Proposed Default Order.

8. Concurrent herewith, a Default Order was entered against Respondent. Therefore, the allegations contained in the Complaint on file in this matter are admitted as true without the necessity of conducting a hearing.

9. As detailed in the incorporated Complaint:

a. On December 16, 2006, Respondent was scheduled to appear in a mixed martial arts event at the Qwest Arena in Boise, Idaho, and had signed a contract to appear at that event. Respondent failed to appear at the event as scheduled, causing his bout to be canceled.

b. On June 1, 2007, Respondent was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a felony, in State v. Rogers, Malheur County, Oregon, Case No. 05106582C2.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. As a licensed martial artist in the State of Idaho, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and to the provisions of title 54, chapter 4, Idaho Code.

2. The Complaint was sent to Respondent at the most recent known address for Respondent. Respondent was duly and lawfully given notice of proceedings against his license pursuant to the provisions of IDAPA 04.11.01.055.

3. Respondent's failure to plead or otherwise defend in this action authorizes the Commission, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5242(4) and IDAPA 04.11.01.700, to enter an Order of Default which is as lawful as if all the allegations in the Complaint were proved or admitted at a hearing.

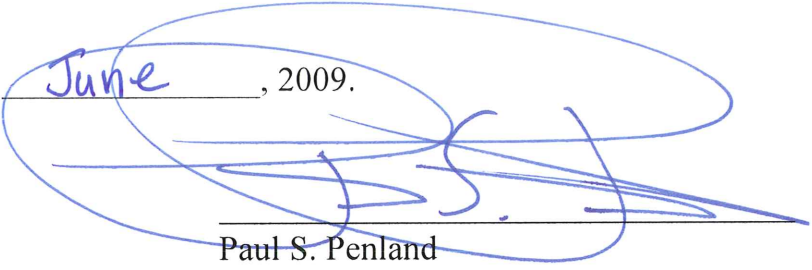
4. Respondent's acts as detailed in the incorporated Complaint constitute violations of Idaho Code § 54-418 (any licensee who violates any rule of the Commission shall be penalized) and Commission Rules 206 (any combatant who fails to appear in an event in which the combatant signed a contract to appear, without a written excuse determined to be valid by the Commission or a certificate from a physician designated by the Commission in advance in case of physical disability, is subject to disciplinary action) and 113.02.a (Commission may discipline a licensee for conviction of a felony), thereby authorizing the Commission to impose sanctions against Respondent.

### **ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing, it is the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the Commission take such action as it deems appropriate consistent with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above.

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DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.



Paul S. Penland  
Hearing Officer

### NOTICE OF DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

This is a recommended order of the Hearing Officer. It will not become final without action of the Commission. Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of this recommended order with the Hearing Officer issuing the order within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order. The Hearing Officer issuing this recommended order will dispose of any petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. *See* Idaho Code § 67-5243(3).

Within twenty-one (21) days after (a) the service date of this recommended order, (b) the service date of a denial of a petition for reconsideration from this recommended order, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration from this recommended order, any party may in writing support or take exceptions to any part of this recommended order and file briefs in support of the party's position on any issue in the proceeding.

Written briefs in support of or taking exceptions to the recommended order shall be filed with the Commission. Opposing parties shall have twenty-one (21) days to respond. The Commission may schedule oral argument in the matter before issuing a final order. The Commission will issue a final order within fifty-six (56) days of receipt of the written briefs or oral argument, whichever is later, unless waived by the parties and for good cause shown. The Commission may remand the matter for further evidentiary hearings if further factual development of the record is necessary before issuing a final order.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

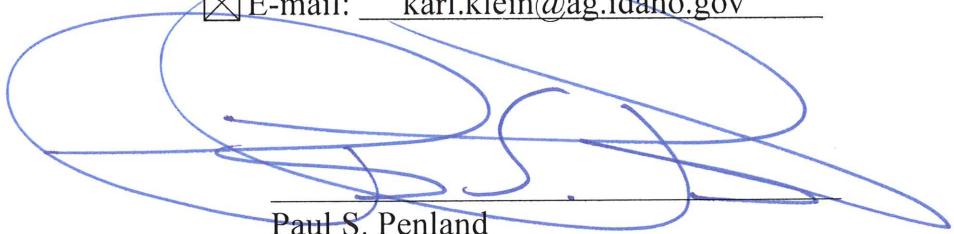
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

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Weiser, ID 83672

- ☒ U.S. Mail
- ☐ Hand Delivery
- ☒ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- ☐ Overnight Mail
- ☐ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Karl T. Klein  
Deputy Attorney General  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0010

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